(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (g)

Direct	*Finance*
For construction *of a house*	For repairs to *damaged houses*
Upto Rs. 2.00 Lkh	Upto Rs. 25000

These limits have been raised w.e.f. 21.02.1997 to Rs. 3 lakhs for construction of a house by an individual and Rs. 50,000 for repairs to damaged houses.

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) upto 1995-96 had advised the commercial banks to extend housing finance to the extent of 1.5% of their incremental deposits of the previous year. For the year 1996-97, commercial banks have been advised to extend housing finance at 1.5% of their incremental deposits as on the last reporting Friday of March, 1996 over the corresponding figures as on the last reporting Friday of March, 1995 or the amount of housing finance allocations fixed for the year 1995-96, whichever is higher.

National Housing Bank (NHB) has reported that housing loans disbursed by public sector banks in Gujarat in the year 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 were Rs. 12.17 crores, Rs. 26.69 crores and Rs. 19.38 crores (provisional) respectively. Data regarding district-wise details of loans disbursed by banks is not generated by RBI/NHB reporting system.

Additional Flight to Singapore

*323. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether more flights are to be operated to Singapore form the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether flights to Singapore will be introduced from Hyderabad in view of public demand?

As part of priority sector lending, public sector banks extend housing finance as under:

Indirect	*Finance*
For construction *of a house*	For repairs to *Damaged houses*
Upto Rs. 2.00 Lkh	Upto Rs. 25000

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) Indian airlines is planning to introduce a thrice weekly flight each from Bangalore and Calcutta to Singapore and a once weekly flight from Madras to Singapore in the summer schedule, 1977.

(c) Air India and Indian airlines have no plans at present to introduce a service from Hyderabad to Singapore.

Requirement for the registration of private airlines

*325. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private airlines registered with the DGCA as on date;

(b) what are the formalities for their registration;

(c) whether DGCA is geared for this kind of work; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM): (a) There are seven private scheduled airlines:—

1. Archana Airways
2. East West Airlines
3. Jet Airways
4. Modiluft
5. NEPC Airlines
6. Sahara India Airlines
7. Skyline NEPC (formerly Damania Airways)